



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

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His Holiness Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City

Most Holy Father:

Your election to the See of Rome as the visible Shepherd of God's own flock gives us great joy and comfort. You are now the Rock upon whom the good Lord will continue to build up his Church and the one on whom we shall depend to strengthen our faith.

On behalf of the clergy, consecrated men and women, lay faithful, and all people of goodwill in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it is my pleasure to extend filial greetings, express our faithful support and obedience, and assure you of our unceasing prayers as you commence your ministry as the Successor of Peter, entrusted with keeping the flock in unity and in communion. May the evangelical simplicity of the Poverello of Assisi inspire all of us to live the Gospel of Jesus with greater ardour and zeal!

While the challenges you will face are considerable, the loving guidance of God will not fail you. I pray that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit and accompanied by the peace of Christ as you carry out your ministry as His Vicar.

Asking Your Holiness's Apostolic Blessing on the People of God of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, I am,

Your obedient son and servant,



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